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Mr. Robert Schuss
705 Crosby Building
Buffalo 2, New York

Dear Mr. Schuss:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of 5 May and the enclosed newspaper clippings which I read with much interest.

It was indeed a pleasure for me to participate in your program and to pay tribute to such a truly great American. I might add that I sincerely appreciate the many courtesies extended to me while I was in your fine city.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

SIGNED
Allen W. Dulles
Director

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May 5, 1959

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I wish to express again my personal gratitude for your kindness shown to the memory of Gen. Donovan, in coming to Buffalo and delivering his eulogy.

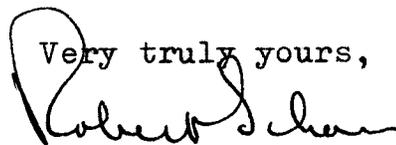
Your address was very well received amongst the members of the Bar, as indicated by numerous conversations and complements we have received since yesterday.

I am enclosing two clippings from the newspapers regarding the Luncheon, which we thought you might care to peruse.

If at any time, we can repay you in any way for your kindnesses in coming to Buffalo, please call upon us.

Thank you, again.

Very truly yours,



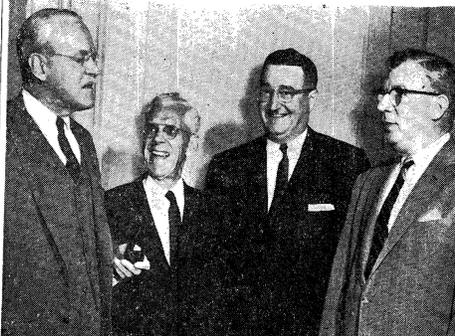
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Monday, May 4, 1959

BUFFALO EVE

At Luncheon in Honor of 'Wild Bill' Donovan



Four dignitaries at luncheon in honor of the late Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan are, from left, Allen Dulles, head of Central Intelligence Agency; Frank J. Williams, past national commander of Legion of Valor who was on of 15 men present who served under Gen. Donovan in the Mexican border incident; John M. Dittman, president of the Erie County Bar Association, and Gen. Walter F. Alt, commander of the Western New York Chapter, Legion of Valor.

Allen Dulles Hails Gen. Donovan: 'He Made Nation More Secure'

Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan—a public figure so vibrant, ingenious and dedicated that a single lifetime was hardly enough to encompass his deeds.

That was the portrait sketched today by Allen W. Dulles, director of the nation's Central Intelligence Agency. He brought to vivid life the memory of the Buffalo general who fought some of the key engagements of World War I, ran the spectacular Office of Strategic Services during World War II, and spent his final years battling Soviet aggression to a standstill in distant lands.

'Awoke People to Need'
Addressing more than 600 persons at a civic luncheon in Hotel Lafayette, Mr. Dulles said of the late Gen. Donovan:

"The heritage of Bill Donovan is written in the national security. He awoke the American people to the need of a permanent peace-time intelligence service."

"He bestirred Washington into creating a mechanism (the CIA) whereby all of the components of the Government which receive information on anything going on anywhere in the world pool their knowledge, share their interpretations and work together to make one unified estimate of what it means."

"He helped place intelligence in its proper perspective and stimulated the policy makers to recognize its role in determining American policy abroad. He was one of the architects of an organization that should keep our government the best informed of any in the world."

Sponsored by Bar
The luncheon was sponsored by the Erie County Bar Association, which was presided over by John H. Dittman, association president.

Radio Station WBBN recorded Mr. Dulles' address for re-broadcast from 9:05 to 10 P.M.

In keeping with his policy of declining public comment on world affairs, Mr. Dulles kept close to his theme—Gen. Donovan's life of leadership "and his vast interest in the non-bombardment of the novel and the dangerous."

Recalls V-2 Rockets
Only at two points did Mr. Dulles—brother of the former secretary of state—insert comments which might have bearing on the present state of the world.

Describing his arrival in London with Gen. Donovan in September 1944, when the Nazi V-2 rockets began falling on England, Mr. Dulles said:

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cient kingdom of Siam was a main target for Communist subversion.
"With a vigor that belied his years, Bill Donovan threw himself into assisting the Thais in bolstering their defenses against the Communists so that this key-observation of anti-communism in Southeast Asia could continue free."
"Upon his return to the United States, one might have expected him to seek retirement, but nothing could have been further from his mind. He became national chairman of the International Refugee Committee and the director of that group's fight against the Soviet program to induce Russians who escaped from communism to return home."

Was Football Hero
"At the time of the Hungarian Revolution, he threw his energies into aiding the refugees who were forced to flee after their unsuccessful effort to win freedom from Soviet tyranny."
Mr. Dulles, who was hand-picked by Gen. Donovan to run the OSS office in Switzerland during World War II, said the general was a man who "wanted to see things on the spot and judge for himself."
"He was constantly on the move and drove his staff wild trying to keep him from going to places they thought too exposed. He also kept them in a state of near exhaustion trying to keep up with the pace he set himself."

Visited Ethiopia
A colonel during World War I, the Buffalo lawyer-turned-soldier won the nation's three highest decorations—the Distinguished Service Cross, the last of which he received in 1918. He also received the Congressional Medal of Honor. Mr. Dulles quoted Gen. Donovan as saying "No man ever deserved it more."
Although an assistant U. S. attorney general and then a corporate lawyer during the interwar period, Gen. Donovan lost his interest in world affairs. He took time off to visit Ethiopia during the Italian invasion of that country in 1935. He was in Spain during the civil war, carefully observing the Axis efforts to test their new equipment in these foreign adventures.

Under his direction, the OSS during World War II knew just what to look for. Mr. Dulles called the roll of Nazi secrets uncovered: jet aircraft plans, the V-1 and V-2, "German work with heavy water in an effort to develop a nuclear weapon."

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Donovan Declared One Of First to Warn of Reds

The late Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan yesterday was credited with being one of the first men to recognize the Soviet threat to world peace.

Giving credit to the general for spotting this threat at a time when the western world hailed the Soviets as World War II Allies was Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency. He spoke at a memorial luncheon for the general in Hotel Lafayette.

Attending the luncheon were more than 600 persons representing the Erie County Bar Assn., luncheon sponsors; members of Troop I Post, American Legion, which the general helped found, and the Western New York Chapter of the Legion of Valor whose members are composed of holders of the nation's highest military awards.

Gen. Donovan, known as



Allen W. Dulles

"Wild Bill," died in Washington, D. C., Feb. 8 at 76.

Dulles is a brother of former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Referring to September 1944 when the Germans first launched their V2 missiles on London and the implications this held for future warfare, Dulles said few men of his time were more alert to the new threats that might develop.

"In late 1944," the CIA chief said, "he sent a man to Cairo to take over the direction of activities at that post and gave him oral instructions to the effect that the main target for intelligence operations should now become discovering what the Soviets were doing in the Balkans rather than what the Germans were doing in the Middle East.

"The German threat was receding. The Soviet danger was already looming. He realized this but, for obvious reasons, he could not put such instructions in an official dispatch."

Reviewing the fabulous career of the Buffalo-born soldier, statesman, spy chief and lawyer, Dulles gave him credit for the basic organization of a U.S. spy system for peacetime which he had attempted to set up as early as 1944.

Dulles stressed the military career of Donovan, starting with his distinguished record as a member of the 165th Infantry of

the 42nd Division in World War I.

He won the nation's three highest military awards—the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Medal and the Distinguished Service Cross—in that conflict.

Gen. Donovan received those medals for the type of action that amounts to performance "above and beyond the call of duty." It included personal leadership of his troops under heavy enemy fire with complete disdain for the danger involved.

Some of the more fabulous exploits of Gen. Donovan's World War II Office of Strategic Services were recounted. Others will have to remain a secret forever, Dulles said.

According to Dulles, the O.S.S. obtained information of great military value from agents with contacts in Berlin, in the German high command and the Abwehr, the German Secret Service.

Information was gathered about German jets which were to make their appearance toward the end of the war, German nuclear experiments with heavy water, and about the V1s and the V2s."

Dulles said the most successful spy placement accomplished by the O.S.S. was the installation of one in the office of Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop.

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